

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/856,905
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312 Amendment & Substance of Interview Summary
for Office Action/Communication of June 5, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings:

Three Replacement Sheets for the drawings accompany this response, as suggested in the Notice of Allowability. No new matter has been added, and the Replacement Sheets (which add labels to the blocks), as requested by the Examiner, are supported by the present application, including the specification. Entry and approval is respectfully requested.

Attachments: 3 Replacement Sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 19 and 20 were canceled by the Examiner's Amendment of June 5, 2008 and claims 10 and 15 are written as provided for by the Examiner's Amendment. Claims 10 to 13 and 15 to 18 are allowed as stated in the Notice of Allowability of June 5, 2008.

It is noted that the Interview Summary form that was used by the Examiner was PTOL-413, which states that Applicant is given one month from the Interview date (May 16, 2008) or one month from its mailing date (June 5, 2008), whichever is later.

However, since this was an Examiner initiated interview, it is respectfully submitted that PTOL-413B should have been used, and since the case was allowed, the first box of Part III of that form should have provided that Applicant did not need to provide a separate record of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the Application, and since the Examiner provided a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability (which was done here).

As explained above, the Examiner's characterizations in the Amendment and Interview Summary are agreed with as to the amendments to claims 10 and 15 (and as reflected in the courtesy listing of the claims) as above to allow the case.

If Applicant had initiated the Interview (which was not the case), then PTOL-413 would have been the proper form to use. The foregoing procedures are documented and explained in the M.P.E.P. At 713.04 (pages 700-182 to 700-186).

Since, however, the Examiner sent form PTOL-413, it is believed that this response satisfies the request for Applicant to file a Statement of the Substance of the Interview (see pages 700-184 and 700-185 of the M.P.E.P.).

As to the Amendments to the Drawings, three Replacement Sheets for the drawings accompany this response, as suggested in the Notice of Allowability. No new matter has been added, and the Replacement Sheets (which add labels to the blocks), as requested by the

Examiner, are supported by the present application, including the specification. Entry and approval is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 10 to 13 and 15 to 18 are allowed. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections as to the drawings be withdrawn, since all issues raised have been addressed and obviated. An early and favorable action on the merits is therefore respectfully requested.

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